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Young Sea-Officer's Assistant,

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EXAMINATION AND VOYAGE.

IN FOUR PARTS.

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| I. The Substance of that EXAMINATION, which every Candidate for a Commission in the East-India Service, or the Navy, must necessarily pass, previous to his Appointment ; respecting the Management of a Ship from her first coming out of Dock, to her clearing the Land. | II. DIRECTIONS for working a Ship, in all difficult Cases, at Sea. |
| | III. Necessary OBSERVATIONS in making the Land, and sailing up the Channel. |
| | IV. General INSTRUCTIONS and ALLOWANCES from the Owners of East-India Ships to the several Commanders in that Service. |

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THE following sheets were not sent to the Press, till they had first been submitted to the perusal of Gentlemen well acquainted not only with sea-affairs in general, but with the particular business of which the First Part treats, viz. The *Examination* which every Candidate for a Commission in the East-India Sea-service must necessarily undergo, previous to his appointment. From their approbation, I have reason to flatter myself, that it will be found to contain what is necessary to be attended to by every Officer in that, or, indeed, in any other service, for the preservation both of ship and cargoe, from her first coming out of dock to the clearing of the land.

The utility of the Second Part will immediately appear to all who are experienced in Sea-affairs. To the unexperienced it must be singularly beneficial, from the variety of select and most approved directions for working a ship in all difficulties that may probably happen to her at sea ; so that a young seaman, by making himself master of these directions, and by attending to their operation, may attain more skill and management in one voyage, than he might otherwise arrive at in two or three.—This head, as well as the former, is treated in the way of *Question and Answer*, as the most probable method of engaging the attention of young beginners, and imprinting the *Replies* and *Observations* in their memories ; at the same time that the being pre-informed of what is to constitute their future Examination will naturally lead them to confirm, by observation, in their voyages, what they shall have before received on the experience of others.

The Third Part contains useful observations towards making the land after having made soundings ; with directions for Sailing up Channel. The necessity of frequent application to charts (which are too often erroneous) will in a great measure be avoided by attending to these observations and directions ; for they are collected from the notes of skilful persons, and confirmed by long experience.

The Fourth Part, containing the general *Instructions* and *Allowances* from the Owners of ships in the East-India Company's service to their Captains, it is presumed will be considered as no improper Appendix to a work of this kind ; at a time too, when public attention seems so deeply engaged in whatever relates to India Business ; and especially as these Instructions have never before been made public, and consequently are known but to few ; though they cannot but be acceptable to all.

I hold myself bound to acknowledge my obligations to several Gentlemen, whom I
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have had the honour to teach the use of the Nautical Almanack, for the principal matters contained in this little work; and, I trust, they will not be displeased at seeing it thus made public, when they consider how much it may conduce to *public* benefit.

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QUESTIONS and ANSWERS,

RELATIVE TO

The managing of a Ship, from the taking
in of her cargo to her quitting the land.

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EXAMINATION, &c.

Q. SIR, you appear here to be examined in your abilities, necessary to qualify you for being appointed an Officer in the ship ———, Captain ———, now bound out to *India* in the Company's Service — a great charge. What do you look upon to be your duty in that capacity?

A. When I have received my Captain's commands, I am then not only to direct, but likewise to inspect into every thing relative to such orders, and see it properly executed accordingly.

Q. When your ship is out of dock, what is first to be done?

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A. After the proper Officers have examined the limbers, I would level the hold, by laying the kentledge from the fore-part of the fore hatchway to the after-part of the after hatchway.

Q. If you are taking in bales, how high would you dunnage, and what part of the ship most?

A. I would dunnage six inches, and mostly about the well and main hatchway, and the wake of the chains and floor-timbers.

Q. Suppose you have one and an half foot water in your hold, and your ship heels four streaks down; what dunnage ought you to have, to preserve the cargo?

A. Three feet.

Q. How would you moor your ship at Gravesend?

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A. I would come-to with my small bower, veer the service into the hawse, and then hang my best bower in the long-boat, and with the tide drop her astern; and, when the cable is taught, let go the anchor.

Q. You have been in the Downs: how do you moor there?

A. With my best bower to the S. W. upper Deal-mill and Deal-castle in one, with the South Foreland S. W. by S. in eight fathoms: I would veer away with the last quarter flood, and moor with the small bower to the N. E.

Q. Where is the best anchoring in the Downs?

A. Bring upper Deal-church in one with Deal-castle, and anchor in eight or nine fathom water.

Q. What

Q. What are the marks for anchoring in the Downs, Deal-castle bearing West ?

A. The South Foreland S. W. and Sandown-castle N. N. W.

N. B. The usual way of mooring a ship in the Downs is, with the best bower to the Westward, and the small bower to the N. E.

Q. How would you unmoor in the Downs, with the wind at North ?

A. I would splice my stream-cable to my small bower, and veer away at half-ebb, that I might have time to stow my best bower, and shorten in my small bower-cable, before the ship tends to windward ; but, as soon as the tide slack, if I were afraid to trust my stream-cable, I would veer on my best, and take up my small bower.

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Q. Suppose, with the wind Northerly, you were in a ship's hawse in the Downs?

A. I would wait till the ship tended to windward, and heave to my anchor as she tended to it.

Q. How would you work the ship out of the Downs, with the wind Southerly?

A. I would come no nearer the Goodwin than thirteen fathoms water, nor to the Main than eight or eight and a half fathoms; when I came near the Foreland, into no less than ten fathoms: there is a shoal off West-castle fourteen feet at low-water, bearing E. about two miles.

Q. If it blow hard in the Downs at S. W. and you part your cables, what would you do?

A. I would stand out to the Goodwins, till I brought the South Foreland light S. W. by S. then,

then, keeping in nine fathoms water, steer N. N. E. till the North Foreland light bore W. N. W. when I might safely hawl round for Margate roads.

Q. How do the Forelands bear of each other?

A. Nearest North and South.

Q. How does the tide flow in the Downs?

A. By the shore S. S. E. and in the offing S. E. by S.

Q. What are the marks of the Goodwin, by which you are to know when you are clear of them?

A. The Goodwin Sands are two large quicksands, called the North and South sands. When upper Deal-mill and Warner-castle are in one, then I am a-breast the South-sand head; and, when the North Fore-

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land bears N. W. by W. I am a-breast the North-land head.

Q. Suppose you were riding at anchor in the Downs, and an express order came for you to go to the Westward, with the wind at S. W. or S. S. W. at what time of the tide would you unmoor?

A. I would unmoor at half-flood, to be in readiness to weigh at high-water, and cast her in shore (by reason of the tide being sooner done in shore), if room; if not, I would tack and stand off in ten or eleven fathom water, then stand in to the shore in seven fathoms, and lay my top-sails a-back till my anchors were stowed.

Q. Is there any danger in going out of the Downs? in what water would you stand in shore, and what water towards the Goodwins?

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A. Yes;

A. Yes ; between Deal and Warner-castle there are some shoals, with, at spring-tides, not above sixteen or seventeen feet water at low-water. I would come no nearer the shore than six fathoms ; and no nearer the Goodwin-sands than ten or eleven fathoms : in some places, the nearer I go to the sands, I should have the deepest water ; but then there would soon be so little water, that I should be a-ground before I could perceive it shoal. I would, therefore, stand towards the South Foreland in nine fathoms, and to the South-sand head in seven fathoms ; there being gradual soundings.

Q. What are the marks for running through the Gulf-stream ?

A. To keep the Light-house on the South Foreland in one with the Westernmost end of the Southernmost clift in Old Stains Bay.

N. B. Stains

N. B. Stains Bay is the swamp that lies between two clifts, which lie a large half-mile to the Southward of Ringsdown, upon the South Foreland.

Q. What are the marks of the dangers going out of the Downs?

A. Upper Deal-mill in one with the corner of Warner-castle will lead me clear off. Upon Deal Church being open with the said Castle about a ship's length, I must stand out so till I bring the Light-house in one with the Castle, and then I shall be a-breast of the South-sand head; and, when the high Light-house opens to the Westward of Folkstone Church with Hay-clifts, it leads me clear. I must observe not to shut in the Hope-land E. by. N. and the South-sand head will lie off a full league.

Q. Suppose you were coming into the Downs, with the wind at W. blowing hard; which way would you lay your ship's head to?

A. I would come-to with my best bower, and lay the ship's head to the Eastward; but, if with the small bower, I would lay her head to the Westward.

Q. For what reason would you do so?

A. Because I should thereby keep my cable clear of the cut-water.

Q. What is the course from the South Foreland to Dungeness? and what are the dangers?

A. From the South Foreland to Dungeness the course is S. W. by W. distance nine leagues: the dangers between them are the Ripraps; the shoalest part of which lies from Dover S. four leagues; from Calais
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clifts W. by S. from Folkstone S. E. and E. S. E. four leagues; from Dungeness it lieth in length N. E. and S. W. distance about four leagues, both ends pointing to the English shore; it is very narrow, and has on it but fifteen feet at low water: I would come no nearer than twenty fathoms. When the Ness bears N. W. by N. I am to the Northward of it: it flows at the Ripraps N. E. and S. W. that the tide runs to the Eastward till Three o'clock Full and Change, when it is half-ebb by the ground.

Q. How would you come to an anchor under Dungeness?

A. I would bring the Ness Point to bear S. W. by S. or S. W. half S. in nine fathoms: in passing it I would come no nearer than twelve or fourteen fathoms: I would anchor to the West, with the point E. or E. by S. in nine or ten fathoms.

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N. B. It flows at the Nefs S. E. by S. and N. W. by N. the tide runs to the Eastward till Two o'clock Full and Change.

Q. What is the course from Dungeness to Beachyhead? and what dangers are there?

A. From the Nefs to Beachy the course is W. S. W. distance eight or nine leagues: there is a shoal between them called Pevensey-sand; and has on it, at low-water and spring, not twelve feet; it lays about E. by N. from Beachy, and S. half W. from Pevensey-castle, distance from the shore about two miles.

N. B. It flows off Beachy and in the Of-fing N. by W. eleven hours, and S. by E. eleven hours.

Q. Suppose you were off Beachy-head, bound down the Channel, and the Wind came to the South; what would you do?

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A. As the variation is in my favour, I would trim all sharp, and stand to the Westward; and, I judge, if it did not overblow, I should clear all.

Q. Being off Beachy-head, with a gale of wind at N. E. bound to Spithead, and at the close of the evening; what is best to be done?

A. I would lie-to, with my ship's head to the N. N. W. till morning; then she would drive about a Channel course, at the rate of two miles an hour, allowing what she would lose on the ebb she would gain on the flood, and be in a fair way in the morning; I must come no nearer the oars than eighteen or nineteen fathoms.

Q. In case you were bound down the Channel, and the wind blows fresh at N. E. how would you unmoor your ship?

A. I would veer away upon my best bower; the wind would set the ship a-head, and ease my heaving in my small bower.

N. B. If in casting your ship she be wind-rode, as soon as the anchor is right up and down, put your helm the way you would have her cast, setting in the same braces abaft, and the contrary forward; but, if she be tide-rode, put your helm the contrary to which you would have her cast, and set in your braces forward: whichever way your helm is, your braces abaft must be the contrary.

Q. In sailing from Beachy to the Isle of Wight, what course would you steer? and what dangers are there?

A. The course is W. by S. distance sixteen or seventeen leagues. The dangers between them are, the East-Borough-head, which lies from Arundel S. S. W. seven miles; and the

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Oars, which lie from Chichester Church S. S. E. four leagues. The leading marks, to carry you clear of the Oars, are, Dunnose Point W. or W. by N. and Culver Clifts N. W. by W. or W. N. W. When Chichester Church bears W. by N. I am to the Northward of the Oars.

Q. What are necessary to be observed in sailing into Spithead ?

A. If I were bound into Spithead, after I am to the Westward of the Oars, I would steer N. W. by W. or W. N. W. and open Sandown Castle, with the Culver Clifts, till I could see St. Helen's Church a sail's breadth or two open with the Red Clifts of Bembridge Point; and that will clear the Ledge: then, by steering N. W. for the Buoys, I should see the Gilkickers; must keep them in one, and that will lead me between the Buoy of the Warners and of the Dean: and then, on Potf-
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down, I shall see a large Chalk-pit; that and South-sea Castle in one will lead me clear up to Spithead between the Buoy of the Horse and No-man's land.

Q. In turning into Spithead, what do you observe?

A. I may open the Kickers each way; but, in case a fleet be at Spithead that should obstruct the sight of them from me, there is a mark on the top of the Down on the Wight; by keeping that open above the trees, it will carry me clear up to Spithead: and, when the said mark bears S. W. or S. W. by S. I am a-breast of the Horse: I must come no nearer to it than seven fathoms; nor to No-man's land than twelve or thirteen fathoms.

N. B. The Buoys of the Warner and No-man's land are white; of the Dean and Horse black.

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Q. How would you come to an anchor at Spithead?

A. I would anchor at Spithead with the Kickers N. W. the Ride W. S. W. and South-sea Castle E. by N. or E. N. E. in eight, nine, or ten fathoms.

Q. How would you come to an anchor at St. Helens?

A. I would keep Sandown Castle just open with the Culver Cliffs, till I should bring St. Helen's Church a sail's breadth open of the Red Cliffs of Bembridge Point, or Ledge, (there are six or seven fathoms water), and anchor with the Church on the S. W. by W. or W. S. W. in eight or nine fathoms.

Q. Suppose you were moored at Spithead, with a cable and an half on the best bower, and one on the small bower, and you have orders to fail; at what time of tide would

you unmoor? and which anchor would you take up first?

A. I would begin to unmoor at the first of the flood; and take up my small bower first.

2. In failing round the Wight, what are your observations?

A. To keep clear of Ride Middle, I would keep South-sea Castle a fail's breadth open of the Kickers, till I open West-Cowes Castle off East-Cowes Point; then haul over to West-Cowes Castle, till I am two thirds over; then steer directly for Hurst Castle, and, when a-breast of it, borrow pretty near it, and then steer right for the Needles Point: great regard must be had to the tides; for the flood sets on the Needles; and the ebb, on the Shingles.

N. B. It flows at St. Helens nine hours and an half at the Full and Change; and, when it is half-water, you have a tide to work in with. There is a shoal, called the West-middle,

Middle, about two miles W. by N. half N. from Ride Middle; it lies S. E. and N. W. about a mile and an half in length, and has but twelve feet at low-water: when you are a-breast of the N. W. part of it, Calshot Castle is N. N. W. half W. South-sea Castle will then carry you clear of it, if you keep it a fail's breadth to the Southward of the Glicker Point. The Brambles is a shoal that lies N. N. W. from the West Middle; part of it is dry at low-water. If you sail to the N. W. of the West Middle, you sail between it and the Brambles, leaving the Brambles on the Starboard side. When you come to the West Cowes Castle, you must give it a good birth, by reason of a ledge of rocks that lies off from it. There is the Wardings rock that lies on the island side; to keep clear of which, you must keep the vanes of the wind-mill that is on the Isle of Wight in sight; and that will carry you clear. When you come

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near the Needles, give them a good birth, to avoid the Chalk rock; you will have in the fair way nine or ten fathoms; but, when you come to the Chalk rock, you will have but four fathoms. It flows at the Needles S. E. by E. and N. W. by W. eight hours, fifteen minutes. Some other precautions may be necessary since the fall of the Needle; which may be easily observed.

Q. What is the course and distance from the Needles and Dunnose to Portland?

A. From the Needles to Portland the course is W. S. W. distance eleven or twelve leagues; from Dunnose to Portland, the course is W. by S. distance sixteen leagues.

Q. If you be bound or forced into Portland, what precautions are necessary?

A. I must take care of the Shambles: they lie about E. by S. or E. S. E. three miles from
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the Bill of Portland, and have but fourteen or fifteen feet on them at low-water. To go into the Road, I must keep Weymouth Castle open with the Easternmost part of Portland, or open with the Stone-pier, and run until I bring the Easternmost part of Portland S. by E. or S. S. E. in eight or nine fathoms; keep Week Church open; and that will carry me clear: it flows from the Road to the Bill E. S. E. seven hours and an half. The Lighthouses bear from each other N. and S. the flood sets right off the Bill nine hours.

N. B. In case you should be embayed to the Westward of Portland, and no possibility of getting out, between Burton and Chisell (where it ebbs nine hours, and flows only three) there is a steep Beach of Pebbles; there run your ship on shore with as much sail as you can carry, especially if at the beginning of an ebb, and remain on board for three or four seas, and you may get on shore with safety.

Q. How would you anchor in Torbay?

A. Bring the Bury-head to bear S. by E. or S. S. E. and let go my anchor in eight or nine fathoms water.

Q. What is to be observed in failing into Plymouth Sound?

A. If coming from the Westward, and am got round the Ramhead, I must give Penlee Point a good birth, by reason of a ledge of rocks that lies off from it; then haul in N. N. E. half E. For anchoring, the best mark is Mount Edgecumbe just open, the Withy-hedge right up and down, and St. Nicholas island N. W.; the leading mark is Plymouth Church open with the West part of the Citadel. The dangers going in are, the Swiftsure N. by. W. one mile and an half; and, about half a mile East Southerly from that, is the Shag-stone; there is a Buoy on each of them, and but seventeen feet at low-water :

water: must leave them on the Starboard side.

N. B. The land over Plymouth makes double and treble; it may be seen in fifty fathoms. On the high land, over the Ramhead, stand a Church and Steeple, which are a good mark to know the Ramhead.

Q. What are the dangers in sailing into Falmouth harbour? and the best marks to avoid them?

A. The dangers are the Manacles, and the Falmouth Rock. The Manacles lie S. and S. by W. from Falmouth harbour; and the Rock is known by a pole standing on it, and lies nearest the West shore. The best going in is on the East side of the Rock: it is a narrow, deep channel, which I may sail up by the Lead, and borrow to St. Mawes' side to five or six fathoms water; the West side is the shoalest. The best anchoring is in Car-

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rick road, St. Mawes' Castle bearing E. S. E. laying my Easternmost anchor in eighteen fathoms, and my Westernmost in six or seven fathoms.

N. B. In going out of this harbour, you must steer S. or S. by E. ; if with an ebb, S. S. E. or S. E. by S.

Q. What are the dangers that lie off from the Lizard and the Land's-end ?

A. Many. 1. The Rundlestone is a Rock that lies almost a league to the South-Eastward of the Land's-end, distance about four miles. To avoid it, I must keep the Tower of the Church, that stands on the Land's-end, open ; and that will carry me clear of it : but, if I keep so near the land as to hide the Church, then I go between the land and the Rock ; and, when I am a-breast of the Red Cliffs that are by the water-side, then I am a-breast of the Rock.

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2. The Vaule is a Rock that lies about S. S. W. from the Land's-end; distance three leagues, and makes like the bottom of a ship at half-tide. There are forty-two fathoms water close to it on either side.

3. The Gulf or Wolf Rock lies from the Lizard about W. distance ten leagues, and from the Land's-end S. S. W. distance four leagues; it is peaked, and appears above water at half-tide: round about it is clear ground.

4. The Breson lies from the Land's-end about N. or N. by W. distance five leagues.

5. The Seven Stones are a row of Rocks that come not above water; but the sea always breaks over them: they lie from the Land's-end W. half S. distance seven leagues; and from St. Martin's-head, Scilly, N. E. distance three leagues.

Q. How does the Land's-end appear, when you first make it?

A. It appears in Hummocks, with a Church on it; and may be seen, in fifty-four fathoms water, eight or nine leagues off.

N. B. A S. W. by W. Moon makes a full-sea between the Land's-end and Scilly.

Q. How do you know the Lizard, when you first make it?

A. It is the Southernmost land on the coast, and may be seen seven or eight leagues off, in forty or forty-two fathoms water.

Q. If you were forced into Mount's-bay, where would be the safest anchoring ground?

A. Mount's-bay lies between the Lizard and the Land's-end; on the East side of it is a high Island; and on the West, a Castle, called St. Michael's Mount: from the East-ward

ward of the Bay runs off a Ledge of Rocks near a league into the sea ; all along the coast is full of Rocks, and not safe to anchor in. To sail into this place, I must bring St. Paul's Stéeple W. N. W. keep over to the West shore, and make for St. Clement's Island, which is before the town of Mousehole, having the Castle on the Starboard-side : I shall then see a large Sandy Bay ; and, when within the Island, there is good anchoring in seven or eight fathoms water, land-locked from all winds but a S. E.

2. What are the dangers in going into Scilly ? and the best marks to avoid them ?

A. St. Mary's Sound is the best way into Scilly. St. Mary's Island lies on the S. E. side, and hath a Garrison thereon, and a Wind-mill a-breast of it. The dangers are, first, the Spanish Lodge, which I must leave on the Larboard-side, near Smith's Island ; it shews
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itself in bad weather. And the next is Norman's Rock on the Starboard-side, above a cable's length from the first. From St. Mary's Island, a little without the Easternmost Point, the mark to lead me is, to keep the vanes of the Wind-mill upon the land of the two Rocks that lie on the W. side, so that I may go between them into the Fair-way.

Q. What are the bearings and distances of the principal Headlands, &c. in the Channel?

	Leagues.
A. From the South Foreland to } Dungeness, S. W. by W. —	6
Dungeness to Fairleigh, W. S. W.	3
Fairleigh to Beachyhead, W. S. W.	6
Beachy to the Oars, W. S. W. —	13
The Oars to Dunnose, W. by S. —	5
Dunnose to Portland, W. by S. —	15
Portland to the Start, W. by S. half S.	17
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	Leagues.
From the Start to the Eddystone, W. half N. — — — }	8
Ditto to the Ramhead, W. N. W.	8
Ditto to Plymouth Sound, W. N. W. half N. — — — }	7
The Ramhead to the Deadman, S. W. by W. — — — }	8
The Deadman to St. Ann's Point, S. W. by W. — — — }	8
The Start to the Lizard, W. by S. —	14
The Lizard to the Land's-end, W. N. W. — — — }	9
Ditto to the Southernmost part of Scilly, W. S. W. — — — }	16
The Land's-end to Scilly, W. S. W.	7
The Lizard to the Caskets, E. —	38
The Lizard to the Gulf-rock, W.	9
The Land's-end to ditto, S. S. W.	4
The Lizard to the Rundlestone, W. N. W. half W. — — }	7
The Land's-end to ditto, E. —	4

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8	The Eddy-stone to St. Ann's Point.
8	S. W. by W. — — — — —
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Q. HOW would you tack a ship with all her sails set?

A. Square the sprit-fail-yard, and put the helm a-lee; let go the fore-top bowline; jibb and fore-stay-fail sheets let go; brace-to, and back the fore-top-fail, as occasion requires: and, when the wind is on the bow, out tacks, and sheets, the wind a-head, haul main-fail; when the ship has paid round, and the after-fails full, haul of all, shift the helm, get aboard the tacks, and haul aft the sheets, and brace up the yards, as occasion may require.

Q. How would you tack a ship with her three top-fails only?

A. Put the helm a-lee; keep fast the fore-top bowline, to prevent its making a back fail; and, when the sail shivers, brace-to and help her; the wind a-head, haul main-top-fail, haul the bow-lines up; the after-fails being full, haul of all, haul as the ship comes to, right the helm, and brace the yards, as I may think proper.

Q. How would you wear a ship with all fail set?

A. Haul the mizen up, shiver the mizen top-fail, put the helm a-weather, ease off the main sheet and lee-braces, let go the main and mizen top bow-lines, haul in the weather braces abaft; when the wind is upon the quarter, raise the main tack, and gather aft the sheet; the wind being right aft, get aboard the main tack, haul aft the sheet, brace up the main yard, square the head sails, get aboard the fore tack, haul aft the sheets,

heets, right the helm; and, when the ship comes to, trim all sharp, and haul the bow-lines.

Q. How would you wear a ship under her courses?

A. Haul up the mizen, put the helm a-weather, ease off the main sheet, let go the lee-main braces and bow-lines; as she falls off, gather in the weather-brace; when the wind is abaft the beam, raise the main tack; when the wind is almost right aft, haul aft the main sheet, and brace up the yard; and, when she is before the wind, square the head-sails, and get aboard the fore-tack, shift the helm, gather aft the fore sheet; as the ship comes to, haul the mizen out, to ease her to, trim all sharp, haul the bow-lines.

Q. How would you wear ship under her mainsail only?

Q. A. To lay-to upon the other tack, I must watch the ship's falling off, put the helm a-weather; and, as she falls off, ease off the sheet: but, if that will not do, I will get tarpaulins in my fore shrouds, or man them; in case she will not veer with this method, I will haul aft the main sheet again, and lay her to as before; I will then get a piece of canvass, and lash it round the lee-quarter of my sprit-sail yard, and top the yard up as much as possible, to prevent the sail from filling with water, when it is loosed; when the ship falls off, then put the helm a-weather, cast loose the lee-yard-arm of the sail, and haul aft the sheet; and, as the ship falls off, ease off the main sheet, and gather aft the weather brace, raise the tack, and gather aft the sheet; and when the ship is before the wind, get on board the other tack, aft the sheet, square the sprit-sail-yard, furl the sail, ease down the helm, haul close aft the main sheet,

sheet, brace up sharp, and haul the bow-line.

Q. Suppose it blow very hard, and you split your main-sail; what would you do?

A. I would haul the main-sail up, and settle the yard; unbend the sail, and bend another; get aboard the tack, and aft the sheet; and then sway the yard up; the sail being aback will prevent its fluttering; let the sail fill, which will help and make the yard go up much easier. While I am doing this, the main-stay-sail should be set.

Q. In case you were to carry away your mast, what method would you take to get clear of the wreck?

A. I would put my helm a-weather, to give the ship some way through the water; and then cut away.

Q. Do you understand how to fox-haul a ship?

A. Yes. To foxhall a ship is, when she misses stays and is at stand, to haul the mizen up, haul about the after-fails and let go the weather bowlines forward; haul up the lee bow-lines; set in the weather braces; and keep the head-fails a-back, to prevent the ship having head-way; by which means, she will pay round in her length. I must observe to keep the helm a-lee, by reason she will have sternway, as she falls off, must keep the after-fails shivering; when she is before the wind, brace up abaft, and get aboard the fore-tack; and as she comes to, haul the mizen out, and turn sharp.

Q. How do you box a ship off?

A. Put the helm hard a-weather; let go the fore sheet, lee braces, and weather bowlines

lines forward ; and set in the weather braces ; and, when she falls off, trim the head-fails.

Q. Were you to carry away your bowsprit, what would you do ?

A. Should that happen, or that I should spring my bowsprit, I would immediately wear ship, and keep her before the wind ; and then, for the security of the fore-mast, I would carry forward runners and tackles, and bouce them well taught till I can get a hawser, or sufficient Rope, and clench it round the mast-head, and secure it to the bits of the Forecastle, or to the Cat-heads.

Q. If, by accident, your Ship were brought by the lee, what would you then do ?

A. When a ship is brought by the lee, it is commonly occasioned by a large sea, and by the neglect of the helms-man, when the wind is two or three points on the quarter,

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the ship taking a lurch brings the wind on the other side, and lays the sails all dead to the mast, as the yards are braced; she then, having no way, and the helm being of no service, I would therefore brace about the head-sails, sharp the other way, then haul the main-sail up, and just keep the main and mizen top-sails shivering; when she gathers way, and brings the wind aft again, raise the fore tack, and square the head sails, trim the sails as they were before, and bring her to her course again handsomely.

N. B. It is dangerous bringing a ship by the lee in a gale of wind; for she lying entirely against the sea, her sails can be of no service till braced about.

Q. Suppose you were in imminent danger of going ashore, and had no time to tack, or room to wear; what would you do in that case?

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A. I would foxhaul her, by heaving her up in the wind, and then clap all sails aback, and let her stern go round to windward on her heel.

Q. Suppose you were upon a leeshore, and had neither room to wear or stay, nor any anchoring ground; how would you put the ship's head round the other way?

A. I would put my helm hard a-lee; and, when she comes head to wind, raise my main and fore tack directly, make a run with my weather braces, and clap all aback at once; then haul forward my lee tacks and bow-lines, as far as I can, that the ship may fall round on her heel; and, when the main-sail begins to shiver, I would haul it up, and fill my head-sails, and shift the helm hard a-weather; then, when the wind comes on the other quarter, haul on board the main tack, and bring her close to the wind.

Q. If you were upon a lee-shore, and had neither room to wear or stay; what would you do in that emergency?

A. When I see the danger, I would take a good hawser, and lead it out of one of my quarter ports, and bend it to the anchor to leeward; the other part I would bring to the capstan, and ship the bars, and, when I go to tack, clap my helm a-lee; as soon as the wind is out of the main-sail, haul it up; then let go the anchor, and heave on the spring to cast her, because the cable should not check her when she comes head to wind; brace about the main yard, haul aboard the tack, and cut away the cable and spring; when the main-sail fills, haul fore-sail, haul aboard the tack, and trim her to the wind.

P A R T III.

NECESSARY REMARKS

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IN COMING INTO THE CHANNEL.

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NECESSARY REMARKS, &c.

PERSONS coming from a long voyage, without doubt, try for ground in time; and, if possible, would keep in the latitude of $49^{\circ} 00$ N. in which latitude, and in ninety fathoms water, you will have fine sand sixty-six leagues from the Lizard; but, should you be in the latitude of Scilly, then coarse ground and eighty fathoms. In coming in, having struck ground in ninety fathoms, you will, from the latitude $49^{\circ} 30$ to $49^{\circ} 00$, meet with the same depth; then, sailing six or seven leagues, you will shoal five fathoms at once; you run in that depth for some time, and deepen again; and perhaps in three leagues
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you shoal again ; for it is to be supposed the ground is not gradual : you must therefore have recourse to the general soundings, not to particulars. But, if, in coming in, you meet with sand interspersed with black specks like beaten pepper, and you have sixty-four fathoms, then Scilly bears N. E. by N. fourteen leagues ; and if, at any other depth, you have the same soundings from ninety to sixty-four fathoms, you have the Channel fairly open. When you are in the latitude of $49^{\circ} 30$, and have seventy-five fathoms, you must be sure to steer E. by S. or E. S. E. and then you will but keep your latitude good ; which, if possible, do not go to the Northward of, till you get within Scilly, nor then, without you have an opportunity of making the land. When you are abreast of Scilly, if you be not to the Southward of $49^{\circ} 25$, nor to the Northward of $49^{\circ} 20$, and have sixty fathoms, you are sure to be the length of Scilly, and in the latitude as before-mentioned ; with thirty-five fathoms

thoms you are abreast of the Lizard. If at any time you should be to the Southward, and have from ninety to seventy fathoms, or in the latitude of Ushant, or farther Southerly, you will have reddish gravel sand, with many pieces of shells; which soundings are nowhere to be found in the Channel: if in the latitude of Ushant you have eighty-six fathoms, you are distant from thence thirty-six leagues; if seventy fathoms, eleven leagues; then you must be careful, in the night or thick weather, to come no nearer to it than sixty-three fathoms, nor to the Leams than sixty-five fathoms. You may know when you are to the Northward, or to the Southward, of Scilly, by the ground. When you are to the Northward, or in the latitude of it, you have ouze on the lead from eighty-five to sixty fathoms; then you must haul to the Southward till you meet with coarser ground, which you will have to the Southward of Scilly: you may depend on having ouze on the lead in the latitude,

titude, or to the Northward of it : so that, if
 you keep the lead going, you may prevent
 falling to the Northward. For your better
 knowing when you are near Scilly, you will
 find on the lead black stones, the like of
 which are no where else in the Channel : in
 the night come no nearer than fifty-three fa-
 thoms ; and in that depth you are not above
 three leagues from the Scilly Rocks. That
 you may know if you be within Scilly, and
 in the Channel, stand to the Southward, and
 you will have deeper water ; to the North-
 ward, and you will have shoaler. Come no
 nearer to the Lizard, in the night, than for-
 ty-five fathoms. If running up the Channel in
 the night ; keep without the stream of forty
 fathoms, for in that stream the Eddystone
 lies : between the Start and Portland, no
 nearer than twenty-four fathoms ; nor from
 Portland to the Nefs, than twenty fathoms ;
 if in the night, or thick weather. When you
 are in the Fair-way, up Channel, you will al-
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ways have fine sand, intermixed with black specks and hakes-teeth. By this time you will most probably have made the land. But observe, that between Beachy and the Wight there are from thirty to thirty-eight fathoms water ; by which you may be led to imagine yourself farther out than you are : that depth is found at four leagues distance from the Oars and Eastborough-head.

P A R T IV.

G E N E R A L

INSTRUCTIONS and ALLOWANCES,

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**By the Owners of East-India Ships to the several
Commanders in that Service.**

PART IV.

GENERAL

INSTRUCTIONS and ALLOWANCES

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By the Owners of East-India Ships to the several
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS, &c.

A L L O W E D.

I. For PILOTAGE.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
F ROM Gravesend to Deal, —	10	10	0
From Deal to Portsmouth } (when ordered there), —	12	12	0
From Dover, or Deal, to the ships } mooring in the river Thames, }	10	10	0

II. For F E E S.

To the Company's Husband, at } Botolph-wharf, — — — }	5	5	0
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l. s. d.

To the Company's Waiters One Shilling per day, except when provisions are dressed on board,			
To Searchers at Gravesend, ———	4	4	0
To their Boatmen, ——— ———	10	6	
To Tilbury Fort, ——— ———	2	6	
To the Company's Agent at Deal, if he muster the ship's company in the Downs, ———	1	1	0

II. To the CAPTAIN.

For his Table outward till the ship's arrival at her last- signed port in India or China,	50	0	0
In lieu of best Brandy (when none put on board by the Owners),	5	5	0
In lieu of Pickles, ——— ———	3	3	0
In lieu of Hams, ——— ———	5	5	0
In lieu of Stationary, ——— ———	2	2	0
For his Table, homeward-bound, and sixty bags of Paddy, equal to ten quarters	50	0	0

quarters of grain, put on board by the owners, outward-bound.

At Bengal, for himself and Purser, 6 current Rupees per day.

At Madras, for ditto, — — — 1½ Pagodas.

At Bombay, for ditto, — 5 Silver Rupees.

At Bencoolen, for ditto, — 2 Spanish Dollars.

At Mocha, for ditto, — 1½ ditto.

At the Cape of Good Hope, for ditto, 1½ ditto.

At St. Helena, for ditto, — 7s. 6d. sterling.

At Ireland, for himself only, — 5s. ditto.

INSTRUCTIONS.

IV. The Owners, for the future, will not admit of any allowance for the Captain, or Purser, during the ship's stay, or detention, in any port, or ports, in Great-Britain, neither outward nor homeward-bound; nor at Madagascar; nor at any other place whatsoever, that does not belong to the Europeans, where the ship may stop for water, or necessaries, during the course of her voyage.

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V. You

V. You are not to suffer any servant whatsoever to be rated at higher wages than are their due ; nor let the Chief or Second Mates have more than one servant each. And you are likewise to observe, that the Owners will not allow wages, or pay, to any servant whatsoever, either outward or homeward-bound, for their service in the river Thames.

VI. Before you leave Gravesend, you are to send up to the Husband, or Managers, of your ship, an exact account of such men as were impressed at the India-house, and did not appear on board at the payment of the river pay, with the time each man served on board, that the same may be allowed to their securities, on their returning the two months impress advanced to them. And, if any man or men are discharged at Gravesend, on your paying the river pay ; or that run, or are discharged, after they are paid the river pay ; you are likewise to send up their names the first opportunity that offers. All which must

be dated and signed by you, or your Chief Officer.

VII. You are to send up to the Husband, or Manager, of your ship, the names of all the people that you may impress, or enter, either at Gravesend, in the Downs, or elsewhere, before you leave England; together with the time of their entry, and wages per month.

VIII. Whatever people you may impress, or enter, either at Gravesend, or in the Hope, you must be very careful to insert the time of their entry, and wages per month, in the respective columns of the contract delivered you for that purpose; and to make each person duly sign, seal, and deliver the same, in the presence of two witnesses, who are to sign the same as such: which contract you are to return to your said Husband, or Manager, on your leaving the Hope, or as soon afterwards as you conveniently can; together with each person's respective receipt for the impress so paid him or them.

IX. You are to give your Owners credit for all the Passengers you may carry out to India, Ten Pounds each; and likewise for every Lascar, or Servant, Ten Pounds; and for every Passenger you may bring home from India, or China, Ten Pounds; and for every Servant, Ten Pounds.

X. Your Owners expect an exact account to be kept of the expences of all provisions, as per Book, marked N^o 1. (two of which I have delivered you, one of them to be kept by the ship's Steward, and the other by yourself) that you may know, at any time, what quantity will be necessary to lay in for your Passengers.—You are to observe, that eighty-four gallons of Rice, or five hundred pounds of Biscuit, are sufficient for one week's expences of that kind of provisions; and that twenty-eight weeks provisions of all kinds will be sufficient for a passage home in time of peace: but, in time of war, it is advisable to lay in thirty-two weeks provisions at least.

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XI. The Owners insist, that you transmit to them an account of all expence of provisions, &c. and of what remains on board, as often as you have opportunity; and that they will allow of none to be charged as supplied from abroad, but what appear by the before-mentioned books, marked N^o 1.

XII. You have also three books delivered to you, marked No. 2. for the Gunner, Carpenter, and Boatswain, to keep an account of the expence of all their stores; which you are to examine often, and sign them duly every month: and, on your return to England, the remainder of all their stores is to be delivered up to the particular Tradesmen they may be ordered to, or elsewhere, as the said Husband, or Manager, or Owners, shall direct; and whatever the Petty-officers return, less than they ought, must be inserted by you in their respective books, which are to be returned to me, or to the Husband, or Manager, for the time, before their wages are paid.

XIII. You

XIII. You are to avoid touching at any port or place, before your arrival at your consigned port in the East-Indies, or China, without an absolute necessity; which must be ascertained by a consultation of your officers; it being attended with very great loss to your Owners, demurrage not commencing till four months after your arrival at your consigned port: therefore, if they find that you touch at any port, or ports, for your interest, they will oblige you to pay for the detention of the ship at such place.

XIV. You are to avoid shipping any Lascars, if possible, to bring with you to England, they being attended with very great expence; but ship Europeans, if you be in want of men, by application to the Governors and Council, in writing, or any other method, so that you do not distress each other.

XV. What money you may want for the use of your ship, take of the Company on Charter-party terms, unless to be had of any
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private person or persons on Respondentia upon better terms, and not otherwise; making the bond, or bonds, payable ninety days after the arrival of the ship at her moorings in the river Thames: but you are to give the preference to the Company.

XVI. You will observe, by the Charter-party, that the short-delivery, and damaged goods, are to be paid for in England, according to the loss and damage settled by the Governor and Council, and yourself: at the foot, therefore, of the account you sign, you must insert, if you think they have charged any short-delivery, or damage, that ought not to fall on your Owners, the causes whence you apprehend such deficiencies and damages arose, by setting forth the nature of weighing, package, &c. and you must transmit to your said Husband, or Owners, copies of the same by the earliest conveyance that offers, and by every other opportunity that you can; that your Owners may have due advice to insure
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the same, as they are liable to pay such deficiency and damage, should your ship never return.

XVII. You are likewise to observe, that the Governors and Council, and others of the Company's agents abroad, have directions to weigh, or cause to be weighed, all the lead, iron, copper, and elephants teeth, they may receive from you, in the same manner as they are weighed in England, viz. ten pieces of lead are weighed at one draft, and no weight less than four pounds used in weighing; iron, about five hundred weight and a quarter, at one draft, and two pounds struck at the scale for each draft; copper and elephants teeth, as nearly five hundred weight at a draft as can be, and to allow one pound for every five hundred weight; and all other weighable goods, which they may receive from you, are to be weighed in the same manner as they are in England.

XVIII. During

XVIII. During the course of the voyage, if you, or your Officers, see or suspect any of the cargoe you are taking in, either for the East-Indies, China, or Europe, to be either wet, damp, or damaged, or the package bad, you are strictly enjoined to take, or cause to be taken by your Commanding Officers on board, the marks and numbers of such goods, and the condition they appear to be in, and except against them in your bills of lading. And also, if you take in any goods belonging to the Company, or on a freight upon their account, from on board any ship or vessel, either to carry from port to port in the East-Indies, or China, or to bring home with you; be sure to except against any damages, or short delivery, of such goods in your bills of lading; and likewise whatever grain, copper, iron, steel, treasure, copper pots, red-wood, saltpetre, pepper, or any perishable commodities, you make take on board during the course of your voyage. You are also

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strictly enjoined to except in your bills of lading against short delivery, want of weight, or damage of such goods ; which is often unreasonably charged upon the Owners ; and not to take in any more goods or cargoe, to carry from port to port in the East-Indies, or China, than your charter-party expresses.

XIX. On your taking in goods, or cargoe, at any port or ports in the East-Indies, or China, either for Europe, or to be carried from port to port in the East-Indies, or China ; if the season be so far advanced, that you apprehend you may lose your passage to the port or place you are intended to be consigned to, you are to signify the same in writing to the Governor and Council, or Chief Agent or Factor, of such place or port where you may be taking in such cargoe ; and, if they then dispatch you out of time, you must protest against them, or him, for all damages the cargoe may sustain on account thereof ; observing, that such protest be drawn up by a Notary

tary Publick, or some proper person, and delivered to the said Governor and Council, or Chief Agent or Factor, by one of your Officers, who is to give you an account of the time and place of the delivery of such protest, duly dated and signed by such Officer; to which must be annexed an attested copy of the same protest, which you are carefully to keep, in order to bring home for your justification.

XX. If you enter a Seaman or Mariner abroad, be sure you make him sign, seal, and deliver, the contract delivered you for that purpose; in which you are, first, to insert, in the respective columns, the quality and wages per month, which such person agrees to proceed the remainder of the voyage for; and, if you pay him any impress, or advance, be careful to make him sign a receipt for the same: and likewise, if you entertain any person on board to work for his passage home, you must absolutely make him sign an agreement in writing, expressly declaring, that he

doth agree, faithfully, willingly, and readily, to work, and perform all and every kind of duty, or service, he is capable of, and may be required to do, by you, or your Officers, on board your said ship, during the remainder of your voyage into the River Thames; and without any fee or reward whatsoever, except such provisions as you give any other Seaman or Mariner, and in the same proportion.

XXI. If the Governor and Council, or any other of the Company's Agents, or servants abroad, do send on board your ship any Military man or men, or any other persons whatsoever, for you to bring home as a passenger or passengers; you are to insert in writing, that they deliver to you with such passenger or passengers, an agreement in writing, signed by each respective person so to be brought home, that they will not directly or indirectly ask, sue for, or attempt to recover, any wages, gratuity, or pay, for any duty,

duty, service, or sustenance, they may be called on to give the ship, in time of need, during the whole passage; for want of which precaution, several such persons have sued the Owners of the ship they came home in, and recovered wages as seamen.

XXII. You must observe, that all transactions and business whatsoever, that you may have with the Governors and Councils, Super-cargoes, or Agents, or any other of the Company's servants abroad, relative to your ship or cargo, must be in writing: and, for your government therein, we direct, that you have recourse to your charter-party, and these instructions, which you must take with you upon all occasions of business relative to your ship and cargo.

XXIII. You are to enter exact copies (into a book kept for that purpose) of all orders, dispatches, and instructions, which you shall, or may, at any time, receive from the Governors and Councils, Super-cargoes, or Agents,
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or any other of the Company's servants you may be consigned to abroad during the voyage; together with true copies of all letters and transactions whatsoever, that you may have with them, relative to the ship or cargoe: which book, when you return home, you are to deliver to your said Husband, or Manager, for the time being, for the use of your Owners.

XXIV. If you are at any expence for any of the Company's soldiers in your outward bound passage, or from port to port in the East-Indies, you are to deliver in an account, in writing, of the amount thereof; together with a charge of ten per cent. thereon for advancing the money, to the Governor and Council, or Chief Agent of the place or port where you land them; requiring the same to be then and there repaid you.

XXV. You are to give no present to any Governor, &c. in our settlements, on the Owners account. And, in Foreign ports, you
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are not to exceed five pounds sterling; that sum being sufficient for liberty to procure refreshments.

XXVI. You are to be very cautious of what you, or your Officers, write in your journals (the less the better); the Owners of shipping having frequently suffered, by trifling things inserted in journals.

XXVII. You are to pay, at every port you anchor at, belonging to the Company, one barrel of gun-powder; and take a receipt for the same; by the neglect thereof, several ships have paid five guineas at their arrival in England.

XXVIII. Your Owners insist, that you send to the Husband, or Managers of your ship for the time being, by every conveyance that offers, a general list of all the ship's company; together with an exact account of all those that die, run, or are discharged, during the voyage; and also a list of all those that are shipped abroad, with the time and place

place of their entry : all which lists must be properly dated, and signed by you ; by the negligence whereof, many ships have paid considerable sums to the attornies of people that were dead, or run ; to prevent which, for the future, they expect, that you will keep a general list of the ship's company, as above described, ready written, to be sent on any unexpected occasion that may offer.

XXIX. You are required to bring home your sails, that will be fit for another voyage, in as good repair as time and weather will permit.

XXX. During any part of the voyage, if you meet with any of the ships that are under my direction, they are ordered to deliver you any stores they can spare, that you may be in need of, only taking your receipts for them ; and you are desired to supply them on the same terms : but, at a general meeting of Owners, it has been agreed, that, where the ships belong to different Managers, they

they shall pay each other, in the country, fifty per cent. above the prime-cost, on all stores supplied from each other.

XXXI. On your arrival in the river Thames, you must immediately send up to the Husband, or Manager for the time being, an exact list of all the Officers and men, &c. that have been entertained by you during the whole course of the voyage; with their quality, and time and place of their entry, their wages per month, and imposts received; also the whole amount of each man's sick quarter, purserage, funeral charges, effects bought or sold at the mast, discharges, deaths, and runnings, when and where entered, in their respective columns, against each person's name, as per method herewith given you, marked N^o 3. And, for the more ready making up the wages, &c. you are to observe, that the money you advance the people for sick quarters, or funeral charges, must not be charged in the purserage; such practices having oc-

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great confusion in the pay-office; but charge the whole to your Owners, and send up such charges as above directed.

XXXII. Immediately on your arrival in the river Thames, you are to deliver to the Husband, or Manager of your ship for the time being, an exact account of the respective times of your arrival at, and sailing from, every port or place you have anchored or touched at during the whole course of your voyage; and also a list of all the passengers, servants, and foldiers, carried out with you, or brought home, or conveyed from port to port in the East-Indies.

Signed,

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A short easy ARITHMETICAL RULE, to find the Course and Distance, when the Rumbs sailed on do not vary above three or four Points.

IT often happens, when a ship is close hauled, that she varies her course a point or two in the space of a watch, or eight glasses; which variations *ought* to be marked on the Log-board, and would occasion much trouble in working the day's work, that is, finding the true course, distance, &c. made in twenty-four hours. The common method to avoid such trouble is, to guess at the mean course steered every time the Log is hove. Now, by the following rule, the course and distance may be easily found every four hours by the Officers of the Watch, and set down

on the Log-board as the true course and distance, without any sensible error.

Multiply the number of glasses, run on each Rumb, by the knots run per hour, and note their products; which multiply by their respective courses. Now, the sum of these last products; divided by the sum of the former products, will give the true course steered; and the former products, divided by 8, will give the knots run per hour, during the Watch.

EXAMPLE. Suppose a Ship runs:

Glasses.	Knots per Hour.	
2 ———	6 ———	S. 30° West.
3 ———	5 ———	40
3 ———	4 ———	50

Then, 2 multiplied by 6, is 12; and 3 by 5, is 15; and 3 by 4, is 12; again, these products 12, 15, and 12, multiplied by 30°, 40°, and 50°, respectively produce 360, 600, and 600, and their sum is 1560; which,

which, divided by the sum of the former products, 12, 15, and 12, equal 39, the quotient is 40° , the true course steered, viz. South 40° West, and 39 divided by 8 gives the knots run per hour, viz. $4\frac{7}{8}$.

This method is recommended by Don George Juan (the greatest Mathematician the Spaniards could ever boast of), in his Treatise of Navigation printed at Cadiz, eighteen years after his return from South America, where he was sent, together with Don Antonio de Ulloa, Mons. La Condamine, and others, to determine the measure of a degree under the Equinoctial line. This voyage, which has been published in the English language, contains the most authentic and accurate account we have, or can indeed expect to have, of that part of the world. I must add, that it will prove to be the most useful supplement to Dr. Hawkesworth's account of the several voyages undertaken by order of his present Majesty, for making discoveries in the

Southern hemisphere; which were successfully performed by Commodore Byron, Capt. Wallis, Capt. Carteret, and Capt. Cook. This Work, and the Voyage to South-America by Ulloa*, taken together, comprehend the most satisfactory description of the coasts, islands, cities, &c. of the great Pacific Ocean, that has ever been given.

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